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SUBJECT: FRG INITIATIVE REGARDING HOSTAGES

REFS: (A) USUN 3441; (B) BONN 13425; (C) STATE 196812;
(D) BONN 11989 AND PREVIOUS

1. FONOFF (UN DIVISION: GORENFLOS) HAS PASSED US COPIES OF DRAFT EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM AND RESOLUTION. TEXTS ARE IDENTICAL TO THOSE TRANSMITTED USUN 3441 WITH SOME MINOR LANGUAGE CORRECTIONS.

2. GORENFLOS SAID THAT FONMIN GENSCHER HAS SENT THE TWO TEXTS TO OTHER EC-9 FONMINS. EC UN EXPERTS WILL MEET IN THE HAGUE AUGUST 27 TO REVIEW FRG INITIATIVE. GORENFLOS IS OPTIMISTIC THAT FRG WILL RECEIVE EC-9 SUPPORT AND, EVENTUALLY, CO-SPONSORSHIP.

3. FRG IS READY TO REVISE TEXTS IN LIGHT OF COMMENT IT RECEIVES FROM EC AND FROM US. AFTER RECEIVING THESE COMMENTS, FRG PLANS TO SEEK WIDER SUPPORT, PRINCIPALLY FROM THIRD WORLD.

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4. ACCORDING TO GORENFLOS, FRG HAS NO INTENTION OF SUBMITTING RESOLUTION WITHOUT CO-SPONSORS. FRG DESIRES AS MUCH SUPPORT AS POSSIBLE. GORENFLOS BELIEVES THAT US AND EC WILL CO-SPONSOR AND THAT FRG WILL FIND CO-SPONSORS IN THIRD WORLD. HE EMPHASIZED, HOWEVER, THAT FRG HAS NOT TAKEN RECENT SOUNDINGS OUTSIDE OF EC AND US. IT IS RATHER WAITING FOR COMMENT FROM US AND EC BEFORE PROCEEDING FURTHER.

5. IN REPLY TO QUESTION GORENFLOS SAID THAT SO FAR SOVIETS HAVE BEEN EVASIVE. HE BELIEVES THAT IF FRG CAN SECURE WIDESPREAD SUPPORT IN THIRD WORLD, USSR MAY SUPPORT FRG INITIATIVE. IF FRG DOES NOT SECURE THIRD WORLD SUPPORT, USSR WILL OPPOSE IN AN EFFORT TO CREATE AS MANY PROBLEMS AS POSSIBLE FOR FRG.

6. FONOFF IS NOT CURRENTLY DRAFTING A CONVENTION. IT IS DRAFTING A PAPER ON PRINCIPLES AND INTENDS TO USE THIS AS A WORKING PAPER IN CONSULTATIONS WITH OTHER COUNTRIES. FONOFF BELIEVES THIS PAPER COULD POSSIBLY DEVELOP INTO A DRAFT CONVENTION WHICH WOULD BE SUBMITTED TO UN.

7. EMBOFF PASSED TO GORENFLOS TEXT OF DEPARTMENT PRESS BRIEFING ON AUGUST 12 AS TRANSMITTED IN STATE 200973. WE POINTED OUT THAT THERE HAD BEEN NO US GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL REQUEST TO UN TO TAKE ACTION (STATE 206947). GORENFLOS EXPLAINED THAT FRG CONCERN OVER REMARKS OF PRESS SPOKESMAN WAS RATHER OVER HIS REFERENCE TO THE GERMAN INITIATIVE AS ONE AGAINST TERRORISM. FRG HAS CAREFULLY AVOIDED CALLING ITS INITIATIVE ONE AGAINST TERRORISM IN AN EFFORT TO AVOID THE POLITICAL IMPLICATIONS OF THIS TERM. GORENFLOS REQUESTED WE REPORT THIS TACTIC TO THE DEPARTMENT AND TRANSMIT HIS REQUEST THAT WE AVOID IF AT ALL POSSIBLE USING THE TERM TERRORISM IN CONNECTION WITH THE FRG INITIATIVE.

8. ACTION REQUESTED: IF THE FRG IS TO REVISE ITS TEXTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH OUR COMMENTS BEFORE CONSULTING WITH THIRD WORLD AND OTHER NATIONS, IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO
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RECEIVE THE DEPARTMENT'S VIEWS WITHIN TEN DAYS.
GORENFLOS REQUESTED AND WE RECOMMEND THAT THE VIEWS BE GIVEN THE FRG MISSION IN NEW YORK.
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